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For: SUBSTITUTED BENZENE COMPOUNDS, PROCESS FOR THEIR
PREPARATION, AND HERBICIDAL AND DEFOLIANT COMPOSITIONS
CONTAINING THEM

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

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Sir/Madam:

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The following experimentation was conducted by my direct supervision.

EXPERIMENTATION

The experimentation was carried out in the same manner as in Test Example (Pre-emerge Test) in the specification of the present application by using the compounds shown in the attached Table 1. As shown in Table 1, Compound No. 1-4 of the present invention shows excellent herbicidal activity at a dose of 31 g/ha for key weeds in the upland field, i.e., *Amaranthus retroflexus* (AMARE), *Sida spinosa* (SIDSP) and *Abutilon theophrasti* (ABUTH), and also shows clear safety for corn. On the other hand, Comparative compound A which is a position isomer of Compound No. 1-4 shows weak activity for AMARE, but has no activity for other weeds. The test results support that the obviousness based on the position isomers is not applied to the present invention. Also, the tendency similar to this herbicidal action between the position isomers was found in the herbicidal action between Comparative compound B and its position isomer.

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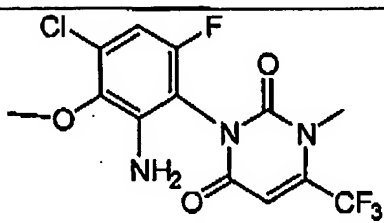
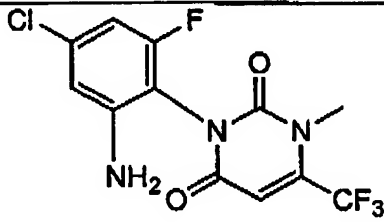
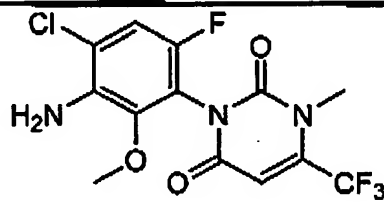
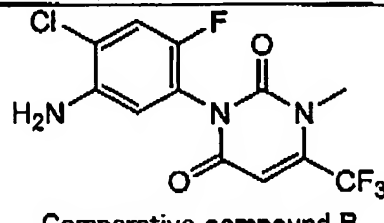
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Table 1 (Pre-emerge herbicidal activity)

Structure	Dose (g ai/ha)	Herbicidal activity			Phytotoxicity
		AMARE	SIDSP	ABUTH	CORN
 Present Invention Compound No. 1-4 Position isomer of Comparative compound A	31	100	100	100	0
 Present Invention Position isomer of Comparative compound B	31	100	100	80	0
 Comparative compound A	31	60	0	0	0
 Comparative compound B	31	80	80	70	0